

Family Discovery Series (continued)

Movies at Mercer Slough

Join us for fun and engaging environmental movies in the Douglas Fir Community Room. All children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration necessary. Cost: FREE

Life in the Undergrowth

Open your eyes to the bizarre and surprisingly beautiful world of invertebrates. Within this remarkable world lie not just beetles and bugs, but exotic cicadas, neon glow worms, and intricate silk-weaving spiders - not to mention much more! Ages: Best for ages 8+

When: Friday, January 27, 5-6:00pm



Wolf – Legendary Outlaw

Journey around the world to witness the stunning life of wolves. Learn how the wolf became a legendary outlaw and how we understand them today. Ages: Best for 10+

When: Friday, February 24, 5-6:00pm



Humpback Whale – Giant of the Oceans

Experience the wonder of one of the largest creatures ever to inhabit planet earth. Watch the underwater acrobatics and listen to the song of the humpback whale as you journey with them on a daring migration from the poles to the tropics. Ages: Best for 8+

When: Friday, March 30, 5-6:00pm

Life in Cold Blood – Sophisticated Serpents

With breathtaking footage and amazing action photography, David Attenborough guides you through the fascinating lives of snakes, showing that the cold-blooded world is as passionate, dramatic, and bizarre as any on Earth.



When: Friday, April 27, 5-6:00pm

Visitor Center Features

Art in Nature Exhibit

These exhibits will display local artists' work inspired by the natural world. The artwork is available for viewing in the Visitor Center. Come and be inspired by this amazing art!

When: Daily, 10am-4pm

Where: Visitor Center



Free

Mercer Slough Discovery Backpacks

Discovery Backpacks include all the materials needed for launching a self-guided tour through Mercer Slough Nature Park.: binoculars, nature guides, and more. Discovery Backpacks now available: Birding, Wildlife, and Wetlands. All Discovery Backpacks are available first-come, first-serve for a \$5 suggested donation. For check-out times, please call 425-452-2565 or e-mail MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov.



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Mercer Slough Environmental Education Center



Winter/Spring Programs

Bellevue Parks & Community Services

January - April



Visitor Center Open Daily, 10am-4pm

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MSEEC is a collaboration between the City of Bellevue and Pacific Science Center



Adult Enrichment Series

To register for programs call 425-452-6885 or visit www.myparksandrecreation.com. Preregistration required for all programs with a **Course #**. Programs are FREE unless otherwise noted. **Children under 12 must be accompanied by a registered adult.**

Geology from Mountains to Sound

Cost: \$5

Take a virtual trip from mountains to sound and explore the long and dynamic geologic history of the I-90 corridor. Geologist Rob Viens will discuss the geologic history of the region as it is expressed in the trails and parks along the Mountains to Sound Greenbelt, including Mercer Slough, Cougar Mountain, Tiger Mountain, Mt. Si and Snoqualmie pass.



When: Friday, February 17 at 7-8:30pm
Where: Douglas Fir Community Room
Course #: 64216

Native Plants – Edible, Medicinal, and Useful

Cost: Free

Join the City of Bellevue Parks Department for a fun, hands-on, indoor/outdoor interpretive program about local Native Americans and their ingenious use of native plants to support survival needs.

When: Saturday, March 24, 11am-12:30pm
Where: Douglas Fir Community Room
Course #: 64217

Noxious Weeds & Invasive Plants: What are they and how do we stop them?

Cost: \$5 Suggested Donation

Learn about new invaders that could be the next worst weeds, and learn new tricks for managing familiar problem weeds. Noxious weed educator Sasha Shaw will teach about common and uncommon weeds in our area with a slide show and a live weed show and tell. WSDA license recertification credits will be available. For additional course information, contact Sasha Shaw at sasha.shaw@kingcounty.gov.



When: Thursday, April 5 6:30-8:30pm
Where: Douglas Fir Community Room
Course #: 64219

Save the Sound, Build a Rain Garden!

Cost: \$5 Suggested Donation

A rain garden is a beautiful landscape feature that filters polluted runoff from rooftops, driveways, and other hard surfaces. Rain gardens function like miniature forests to filter pollution, reduce flooding, replenish groundwater, and provide habitat for birds and butterflies. Learn how to design and build a rain garden to mimic natural drainage in your own yard, and protect Puget Sound. Read more at 12000raingardens.org. This class is free and open to the public, but space is limited, so please pre-register with Stacey Ganas at sg@stewardshippartners.org.



When: Thursday, April 12, 6-8pm
Where: Douglas Fir Community Room
Course #: 64314

Family Discovery Series

All ages welcome! The Family Discovery Series offers programs the whole family will enjoy!

For more information please visit: www.bellevuewa.gov/mseec.htm

Phone: 425-452-2565 or **Email:** MSEEC@bellevuewa.gov

Mercer Slough Nature Walk

Cost: Free

Meet a Park Ranger at the Visitor Center for a free guided tour and learn about the fascinating flora, fauna, and history of the Mercer Slough Nature Park. Please dress for weather. No registration required.

When: Every Saturday, 2-3pm; No walk April 21.
Where: Starts from Visitor Center



Mercer Slough Ranger Programs

Cost: Free

Join a Park Ranger at 2:30pm in the Douglas Fir Community Room for a 30-minute program. Best for ages 8+. No registration required.

Animal Adaptations

Do you ever wish you had super powers? Many of the animals living in the Mercer Slough have amazing abilities that allow them to survive extreme conditions. Come find out about the special adaptations of our wetland wildlife.

When: Sunday, February 5, 2:30-3pm

Beavers – Nature's Architects

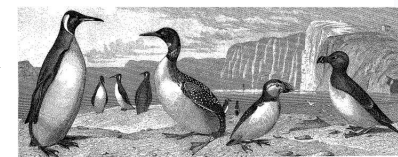
Did you know you can find beavers at Mercer Slough? Learn about the beaver's amazing adaptations, how they shape the habitat around them, and why Mercer Slough's beavers are unique.



When: Sunday, March 4, 2:30-3pm

Bird Basics

From the tiny tropical hummingbird to the enormous emu, to the penguin that flies underwater, birds come in all shapes, colors, and sizes, and have managed to colonize every continent on earth. Learn more about what makes birds unique, and find out what kind of bird you'd like to be!



When: Sunday, April 1, 2:30-3pm

Canoe the Mercer Slough

Cost: \$14 (Bellevue Residents) \$16 (Non-Residents)

Explore beautiful Mercer Slough Nature Park by water.

Pre-registration is required.

Contact: mseec@bellevuewa.gov for more information

When: Saturdays and Sundays, May - September 8:45am-12pm
Where: Enatai Beach Park, 3519 108th Avenue SE

